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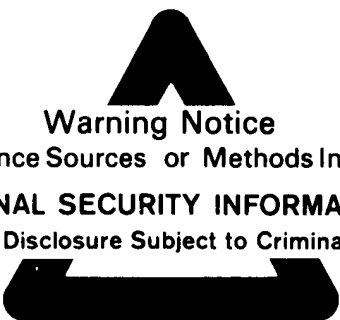
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EVIDENCE OF THREE TYPHOON SSBN
GUBA LITSA SUBMARINE BASE SW, USSR






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1. SIGNIFICANCE: TWO TYPHOON NUCLEAR-POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINES (SSBN) ARE OBSERVED AT THIS BASE AND REPRESENT STRONG ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THREE TYPHOON SSBN. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: THE ARRIVAL OF A SECOND TYPHOON  MARKS THE FIRST TIME THAT TWO HAVE BEEN OBSERVED AT THIS BASE. THE TWO SSBN ARE MOORED TO THE PIERS AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE FACILITY. EACH OF THE SSBN HAS VISIBLY PAINTED RESCUE BELL SEATING RINGS; HOWEVER, THE RINGS ON THE UNIT AT THE SOUTHERNMOST PIER APPEAR TO BE SLIGHTLY LIGHTER IN TONE THAN THOSE ON THE NEWLY ARRIVED UNIT AT THE NORTHERNMOST PIER. (SWN)

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 ONE TYPHOON SSBN WAS OBSERVED FITTING OUT AT SEVERODVINSK SHIPYARD 402  AT THAT TIME, NO EVIDENCE OF PREPARATIONS TO GET UNDERWAY WAS OBSERVED. THE SSBN REMAINED ATTACHED TO A NUCLEAR SUPPORT BARGE BY PIPING FROM ITS REACTOR SPACES. ADDITIONALLY, NO BALLAST CANS HAD BEEN LOADED, SCAFFOLDING REMAINED ON THE SAIL, AND THE RESCUE BELL SEATING RINGS AND THE TELEPHONE BUOY APPEARED TO REMAIN UNPAINTED. ALTHOUGH TIME/DISTANCE FACTORS CANNOT RULE OUT A TRANSIT FROM SEVERODVINSK TO GUBA LITSA BY THAT UNIT, PREREQUISITE PREPARATIONS FOR SUCH A MOVEMENT (AS NOTED ABOVE AND INCLUDING DEPERMING) WOULD NORMALLY TAKE IN EXCESS OF ONE WEEK. ADDITIONALLY, IF THE UNIT AT SEVERODVINSK ON  REPRESENTS UNIT THREE, PAST PATTERNS OF TYPHOON FITTING OUT SUGGEST THAT IT WILL REENTER THE DOCK UPON COMPLETION OF FITTING OUT. KEEL BLOCKS HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE LAUNCH DOCK AT SEVERODVINSK BY MARCH 1984. (SWN)

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